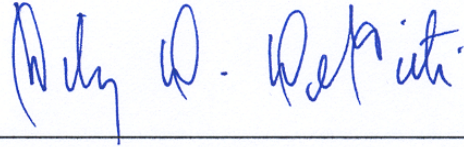


The award of attorney fees must be made payable to Plaintiff as the prevailing party. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 595-98 (2010); *Manning v. Astrue*, 510 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2007), *cert. denied*, 129 S. Ct. 486 (2008); *Brown v. Astrue*, 271 F. App'x 741, 743-44 (10th Cir. 2008) (unpublished). In addition, if Plaintiff's counsel ultimately receives an award of attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), he must refund the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Weakley v. Bowen*, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of February, 2017.



TIMOTHY D. DEGIUSTI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE